now, when we ponder over the facts of the
4*lopping-off-o£-head** case as stated by me
regarding the possibility of any unseen power
so to act on our physical constitution as literally
to sever a particular member or members from
a body, without the aid of any physical agent,
such as some cutting tool or the like, and set
back the said member or members in place,
after a few seconds, making the body whole
again. The question appears something* like
Shy lock's taking a pound of flesh without
shedding a drop of blood. To this 1 must say
that the matter looks a very complicated one
indeed, even after all that we have learnt
regarding the supernatural so far. Here one
might well remark that the very peculiar per-
ception referred to above having been a visual
one only and not conjointly verified by all the
five senses together, could not be given the
place of a phenomenal verity. When the eye
deposed that the head was not on the trunk, if
it were possible to feel that by our sense of
touch, passing the hand over

the headless
trunk making sure that the head was
not there,
then of course there could have been
no room
for any the slightest doubt as to the
truth of